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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA--MORE ON THE DEATH OF FOUR ALLEGED STUDENT
PROVOCATEURS

PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET HAS TOLD US EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT THE AUTOPSY PERFORMED ON THE FOUR STUDENTS WHO DIED ON JANUARY 27 WHILE UNDER MILITARY DETENTION INDICATES THAT THEY WERE KILLED BY THEIR JAILORS. THE LATTER APPARENTLY CLAIMED THAT THE STUDENTS WERE ARMED ENEMY AGENTS ARRESTED IN THE ACT OF INCITING PANIC LATE LAST WEEK DURING INTENSE COMMUNIST SHELLING ATTACKS.

AT CHARGE ENDERS' URGING, LON NOL HAS AUTHORIZED A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE INCIDENT. IT WILL STATE THAT, IN VIEW OF THE SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE STUDENTS' DEATH, A FULL INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN ORDERED AND THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE HAVE

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SEEN ARRESTED. IN THE MEANTIME, STORIES ABOUT THE STUDENTS' INNOCENCE ARE ALREADY CIRCULATING IN PHNOM PENH. THE INCIDENT IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE EXPLOITED BY STUDENT RADICALS--WHO THIS FAR APPEAR TO BE IN THE MINORITY--TO TRY TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR SOME SORT OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTEST.

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